

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 153

Introduced by Senator Hueso

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 153—Relative to the San Salvador replica.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 153, as amended, Hueso. Maritime Museum of San Diego: San Salvador replica.

This measure would recognize and commend the Maritime Museum of San Diego for its continuing dedication to preserving, interpreting, and teaching the rich maritime history of California while upholding a worldwide reputation for excellence with regard to the restoration, maintenance, and operation of historic vessels, particularly the San Salvador replica.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Spanish galleon San Salvador was explorer
- 2 Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo's flagship vessel, and during his 1542

1 expeditionary voyage, the San Salvador, in the company of two
2 other ships, landed at what is now the City of San Diego and
3 established first contact with the indigenous peoples of the
4 California coast, and Cabrillo and his crew became the first
5 Europeans to set foot on the Pacific coast of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, The Maritime Museum of San Diego's mission is
7 to serve as the community memory of our seafaring experience by
8 collecting, preserving, and presenting our rich maritime heritage
9 via a world-class collection of 10 historic vessels, exhibitions,
10 public events, and educational programs; and

11 WHEREAS, In pursuit of this mission, the Maritime Museum
12 of San Diego sought to build a full-sized, fully functional, and
13 historically accurate replica of the San Salvador to create a living
14 link between California's past and present, that would serve as a
15 community memory of the region's seafaring experience and
16 present its rich and diverse maritime heritage and historic
17 connections to the Pacific world; and

18 WHEREAS, After years of research and fundraising for the
19 construction of a functional and historically accurate replica of the
20 San Salvador, the Maritime Museum of San Diego hosted an
21 international symposium in 2004, at which time experts were
22 enlisted to evaluate the design of the vessel, and in the spring of
23 2011, construction began in full view of the public at Spanish
24 Landing Park in the City of San Diego; and

25 WHEREAS, The construction of the San Salvador replica is
26 based on painstaking research in the fields of early modern Spanish
27 and Portuguese maritime history and maritime archeology, and
28 experts have scoured volumes of historical narratives, examined
29 all the available images of early 16th century sailing vessels, and
30 surveyed the remains of contemporary shipwrecks; and to execute
31 this vision, the Maritime Museum of San Diego engaged a group
32 of skilled professional boat builders, who were assisted by scores
33 of regular volunteers; and

34 WHEREAS, Most of the labor was performed by volunteers
35 who believed they could learn to build a ship and almost 500
36 volunteers from around the world devoted their time, energy, and
37 talents to building the ship; and

38 WHEREAS, On September 4, 2015, during the Festival of Sail,
39 the San Salvador replica was commissioned; and

1 WHEREAS, The San Salvador replica will function as the origin
2 symbol ship for California and commemorate the voyage of the
3 original San Salvador which, through its voyage into the unknown
4 parts of the ocean, provided vital geographic, climatic, and
5 oceanographic information on the Pacific Ocean; and

6 WHEREAS, Beginning in the fall of 2016, as an operational
7 vessel, the San Salvador replica will be used in Cabrillo discovery
8 reenactments and outreach voyages to other ports and the museum
9 will partner with other educational facilities and museums, and
10 the ship's presence will also enable the Maritime Museum of San
11 Diego to implement a teacher training institute, where teachers
12 can attend California standards-based seminars on the discovery
13 of the western coast and the age of exploration; and

14 WHEREAS, The vessel's maiden voyage will be known as the
15 San Salvador Pacific Heritage Tour and will travel from San Diego
16 to other California ports of call in Ventura, Monterey, San
17 Francisco, Vallejo, Jack London Square, Old Sacramento, Morro
18 Bay, and the Channel Islands; and

19 WHEREAS, The mission of the San Salvador replica is to
20 embody our community origin story by presenting the life and
21 times of Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo, the historic voyage of the San
22 Salvador, our place in the beginnings of the modern world, and
23 first contact between Europeans and Native American peoples of
24 the west coast of North America; now, therefore, be it

25 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
26 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes and commends
27 the Maritime Museum of San Diego for its continuing dedication
28 to preserving, interpreting, and teaching the rich maritime history
29 of California while upholding a worldwide reputation for
30 excellence with regard to the restoration, maintenance, and
31 operation of historic vessels, particularly the San Salvador replica
32 that will soon set sail; and be it further

33 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
34 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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